



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 4.8
Soil moisture supplies: 14% very short, 28% short, 41% adequate, and 17% surplus

Field Crops Report
Much needed rain was brought by Tropical Storm Lee. Harvest for several crops was ahead of normal. Rice harvest was near completion, stinkbugs were reported in the ratoon crop. Cotton harvest began with 22% harvested, 10 points ahead of the five- year average. Sorghum harvest reached 98%, 8 points ahead of the five-year average. Sugarcane was affected in some areas by wind gusts from Tropical Storm Lee which caused some lodging. Sugarcane farmers continued planting cane.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Citrus producers were spraying for insects. Vegetable producers continued planting and working fall crops. Strawberry producers were busy preparing fields for planting.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Second cutting of hay was near completion. Livestock conditions were generally good, with 84 percent of livestock in fair or better condition.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Bolls Opening	94	84	96	85
	Harvested	22	N/A	35	12
Hay	Second Cutting	99	97	97	94
Rice	Ripe	99	96	98	97
	Harvested	90	81	86	81
Sorghum	Harvested	98	96	97	90
Soybeans	Turning Color	82	73	83	80
	Dropping Leaves	68	55	70	67
	Harvested	43	34	44	39
Sugarcane	Planted	79	70	71	64
Sweet Potatoes	Harvested	15	9	11	14

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	1	25	36	31	7
Soybeans	6	22	29	39	4
Rice	2	3	24	39	32
Sugarcane	9	17	34	33	7
Livestock	3	13	39	41	4
Vegetables	14	22	39	41	4
Sweet Potatoes	5	6	20	69	0
Pasture	16	22	37	22	3

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/04/11 TO 09/11/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	MM	MM	MM	78	0.03	0.80	17.73	35.68
Minden	94	49	70	78	0.11	1.48	21.48	38.38
Mooringsport	(96)	50	74	MM	M.MM	0.33	19.54	31.95
Shreveport South	94	51	72	MM	0.09	2.95	20.01	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	96	49	72	78	0.07	1.59	MM.MM	36.50
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	MM	MM	MM	79	0.95	2.94	29.60	39.00
Homer/Hill Farm	89	(44)	67	77	M.MM	1.34	21.79	38.58
Bienville 3 NE	93	46	70	78	M.MM	2.67	27.64	42.43
Farmerville	92	53	71	MM	0.70	1.53	25.03	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	93	44	71	78	0.70	M.MM	MM.MM	39.73
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	88	52	69	78	1.55	3.14	31.89	41.51
LSU-St Joseph	MM	MM	MM	79	3.95	4.33	36.27	40.36
LSU-Winnsboro	89	52	71	78	3.81	5.53	37.52	39.74
Tallulah	87	50	70	78	2.42	3.42	33.76	41.54
Extreme/Average	89	50	70	79	2.42	M.MM	MM.MM	40.72
4. West-Central								
Leesville	92	46	70	78	0.15	3.86	22.32	39.93
Ashland	92	45	69	78	0.31	1.29	21.41	38.49
Hodges Gardens	90	55	73	MM	1.12	4.95	23.33	39.56
Extreme/Average	92	45	71	79	0.53	4.41	22.32	39.07
5. Central								
Alexandria	89	54	72	80	3.42	7.80	28.59	41.94
Jonesville Locks	87	56	71	79	7.90	10.57	35.97	40.94
Eunice	88	53	72	81	0.51	5.39	26.29	42.00
Bunkie	88	53	71	79	6.00	9.70	30.99	43.10
New Roads 5 NE	84	58	70	79	0.42	10.82	38.61	43.83
Extreme/Average	89	53	72	79	4.46	8.37	30.46	42.39
6. East-Central								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	2.64	7.02	39.12	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.58	8.87	45.17	47.89
LSU-Hammond	82	52	68	79	2.69	8.03	35.52	47.63
Slidell	85	56	71	80	1.13	13.46	44.65	46.67
Extreme/Average	85	52	71	79	1.13	13.46	44.65	47.34
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	90	54	73	79	M.MM	3.83	23.42	42.32
Jennings	87	55	72	80	1.25	8.05	32.51	42.17
LSU-Crowley	82	56	70	80	0.70	7.58	35.13	42.90
Oberlin Fire Tow	87	51	70	80	2.30	6.00	26.49	46.69
Extreme/Average	90	51	72	80	1.15	3.83	MM.MM	43.23
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	86	56	70	80	1.19	10.42	35.44	45.07
LSU-Jeanerette	87	55	70	79	0.84	7.01	31.53	45.65
Morgan City	88	62	73	80	1.20	9.44	34.93	47.95
Lafayette	85	54	69	80	1.28	8.69	45.09	43.04
Extreme/Average	88	54	70	80	1.13	9.93	35.19	46.09
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	87	65	74	MM	2.10	13.21	34.17	41.75
Galliano	85	59	72	80	1.50	13.51	45.79	49.32
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	81	1.45	12.01	33.48	47.55
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.19	10.17	42.49	47.76
Extreme/Average	87	59	72	81	1.50	13.51	MM.MM	47.63
State Averages	96	44	71	79	1.64	8.01	33.27	43.62
M = Missing	()	=	Extremes	Yr. To Date	=	Through September 11, 2011	

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